ITEM 60. CAR SHARE – WELLINGTON STREET WATERLOO

TRIM RECORD NO: 2015/482190

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee endorse the reallocation of parking on the southern side of Wellington Street between the points 19.2 metres and 24.2 metres (one car space) west of West Street as 'No Parking Car Share Vehicles Excepted' subject to the following:-

(A) The City will only install signage for the car share space when GoGet has a car to occupy the space.

DECISION

BACKGROUND

The City is committed to providing dedicated parking for car sharing across the Local Government Area as part of a Council approved Car Share Policy. A submission has been received from GoGet for one car share space in Wellington Street, west of West Street.

COMMENTS

The kerb space on the southern side of Wellington Street, Waterloo between George Street and West Street is currently unrestricted for parking.

The car share space will be installed and managed in accordance with the Roads and Maritime Service's Technical Direction 2007/04 and the provisions of the Councilapproved Car Share Policy.

Car sharing is popular in more than 600 cities worldwide, and research has shown substantial environmental benefits. Car sharing reduces total urban driving, reduces household vehicle holdings, and increases walking, cycling and public transport use.

On average, each car share vehicle in the City can replace up to 12 private vehicles that would otherwise compete for parking. In the twelve months to November 2014, membership in the City has risen by around 529 members per month.

Current membership is approximately 27,157 of which 7,299 are business members.

As of September 2015, there were 43 GoGet car share members within a 250 metre radius of this location with nine members in Wellington Street and five members in Pitt Street.

Within a 250 metre radius of this location, there are currently two spaces allocated for GoGet car share vehicles.

CONSULTATION

The City consulted local residents and businesses in the area. There were 646 letters sent out with one response supporting and four responses opposing the proposal due to loss of parking and location of space.

The resident supporting the proposal is a car share member and support the scheme being extended to provide an alternative to private car ownership and reducing the number of cars around the City.

FINANCIAL

Funds are available in the current budget.

ATTACHMENTS

Car Share – Wellington Street, Waterloo

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